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To the Commission:

In reply to the comment filed by The Alliance for Better Campaigns: the job of the broadcaster is to serve the public interest in their community of license and their own listening area.

Only those who reside within the listening area of the station under consideration should be allowed to file comments on its programming at renewal time. Those are the people directly affected, and the ones whose needs we are serving.

It would not be reasonable or fair to listen to the objections entered by a liberal in Washington to the programming of a station in a conservative area near Salt Lake City. Nor would it be reasonable or fair to expect a licensee to bend to the will of a conservative from Kansas, if the station is in Boston.

And with all due respect to the people who filed the comment: it is not the responsibility of the broadcasters to provide people with material for their research papers. If they wish to put stations under a microscope, we'd suggest they start in their own neighborhood.

And if they think it's "inexpensive" to record 90 days of programming and archive it, we'd suggest they investigate the validity of that belief by working at any small (population less than 10 thousand) market radio station in the country for a year.

We strongly urge the commission to oppose any attempts to require broadcasters to maintain archives of their programming, unless there is direct and incontrovertible evidence that such direct oversight is necessary.

Thank you for your attention.

Sincerely

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